



British Model Flying Association

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Minutes to be Ratified at the 2020 AGM meeting

Draft Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 13th November 2019

*Venue: - **The Ship Inn***

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time: 7.40 hrs. pm

Present:	S Area Office	Club
Tony Butterworth	FSMAE Chairman	WCA
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer/RC Comp Sec Silent Flight	ASF & Skylarks Delegate
Peter Turley	Hon. Sec./PRO	CADMAC
Peter Willis	PAC coordinator/RC Comp. Sec	Wimborne MAC
David Smith	Vice Chairman/Area Delegate	Heli Pad
Richard Sharman	West Hampshire Operations Support	BMFC chairman
Alan Wallington	Visitor	WCA PRO
Ken Knox	Visitor	CADMAC Delegate & Border
David Newby	Visitor	NADMAS
Simon Wood	Visitor	Bracknell MAC

1.0 Apologies for absence received

Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp Sec	Bournemouth MAC
Stuart Simpson	South Hampshire Operations Support	Hayling Helis/CADMAC
Peter Robinson	SA Web Master	
K. Gale		Heli Pad
Peter Carter		Aldershot & Skylarks
David Burstow		Chesil Model Flying Club
Shaun Webb	Visitor	Lee Bees MAC Club Delegate

2.0 Review and approve of Minutes of the S. Area AGM held 8th Nov 2018

Comments, None Proposed by T. Weeks Seconded by D. Smith

3.0 Committee reports: -

3.1 Chairman's report (Tony Butterworth)

My report this year will focus on the key trends rather than itemizing all the achievements /concerns over the past 12 months.

This year I have requested 2 additional reports for this AGM, these being reports from David Burstow and his team from the Dorset area and also an indoor report from Alan Wallington who has run a comprehensive series of indoor flying sessions for many years, both supporting S/A BMFA

This year we have seen a reduction in members attending area meetings, health issues have been the main reason rather than lack of interest.

We have tried to encourage new members but today have yet to see a positive response.

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This trend has been seen over the past years and it has been recognized, hence our attempts to encourage satellite representatives around the area who we can communicate with and support to encourage local activity.

They may not attend meetings due to distances involved however if supported and encouraged they can still help promote model flying under the BMFA banner.

For this AGM the Southern Area will include reports from 2 examples where this strategy has provided positive results, these need to be recorded and those involved need to be recognized for their efforts.

David Burstow is an ex committee member who with the Chesil MFC has taken on the role of developing links with the Bovington tank museum model show ,an initiative that we first identified some 3 years ago. Together they have developed this opportunity and his report will advise of the progress made to date. Our role is to ensure David's team receives the support-hardware necessary to ensure they can grow this opportunity and maybe even develop further opportunities in there locality.

Alan Wallington has likewise been running indoor events now for many years and through his efforts has seen growth in most activities he has organized.

One of the key factors when organizing such events is the financial cost for venues, if numbers attending fail to cover the cost involved then there is risk and this has to be recognized.

As an area we have provided support when required but it is good to note that in recent years this has not been necessary. Alan has submitted a report which will be read later.

I have also asked each to advise of areas where we can improve our support to each and to advise of any specific request that would enable them to improve in 2020.

The reason for including these 2 reports is to recognize that even though we may not always see a full team attending area meetings this is not necessarily a barrier to making progress.

We have also seen in the past that providing support to individuals can encourage further communication and result in their attendance at future meetings.

Many will know that we have supported the museum of military flying at Middle Wallop for at least 9 plus years. The positive relationship that was built up over the years did open up offers from Middle Wallop for use of the airfield. Sad to report that suddenly this year we have been advised this offer will not continue, no justifiable reason has been offered. I have also been advised that as a result of this decision the Middle Wallop MFC will cease to operate, a sad loss. This means that once again the Southern area does not have access to a facility that will enable us to run a Southern Gala event.

Our involvement at Middle Wallop did have one fortunate consequence in that working with SAM35 we did see opportunities for local club pilots (not necessarily SAM35 members) to be offered use of the site on Saturdays under the SAM35 banner. This opportunity was exercised by several pilots.

This does highlight another opportunity i.e. local groups with the same interest (model flying) may be able to work together to the benefit of both and this is something I feel is worthy of future investigation.

Our area committee has always had a SAM1066 representative on board (Roger Newman) and this has been a valuable partnership in many ways so why not encourage participation from SAM35? Likewise why not encourage an Indoor rep, if this brings another dimension to the meetings and provides an improved perspective of how we can help positive activities within the area then that will only aid our communication and model flyer awareness.

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We have been active in promoting model flying at several local events ,the objective being to ensure that the general public do not lose sight of the rewards that can be achieved from our sport. This is a very important function as with the demise of high street model shops we are rarely seen by the general public.

Several members of this committee have also supported central BMFA at external events namely the Model Engineer exhibition in London and also organizational activities for the BMFA power NATS.

Such activities do show that the Southern Area is a very active group with a positive outlook on trying to support our hobby.

Also visiting an event such as the Power Nationals (the largest model flying event in Europe) make one realize how important it is that we continue to fly the flag for our sport whenever and wherever we can.

This committee has again put much effort into providing resources for local club members and also club support activities. The web site remains an active communication tool that continues to serve us well. Response from member clubs to the services offered has been varied however it would be wrong to remove these at this time.

The future today is uncertain; there is a risk that the demand on area services will increase especially with pilot registration and competency testing being a key factor for 2020.

Finding a replacement site for Middle Wallop is probably not achievable short term, however it is encouraging that the management at Odiham shows a very positive attitude towards supporting model flying events on their site.

This committee will have to consider its strategy and how best to use its resources in 2020. If we can reduce effort in terms of documentation, members time recording facts etc. then maybe we can improve support in other areas that offer more benefit??

Financial constraints may be reduced next year and hopefully this will enable us to improve our support in other productive areas.

Likewise encouraging partnerships with other groups (SAM35) could open new opportunities for promotional displays and finding new flying sites.

On a personal level I have attended all area meetings, completed risk registers and all necessary documentation to cover licence applications for our 2 events at Middle Wallop.

Attended the wartime Wallop show, organized and ran the campsite management team at the Power Nationals at Barkston heath and supported the Southern Area BMFA presence at the London model Engineer exhibition.

Lastly I would like to thank all committee reps and members who have given their time freely this year, some who have been affected by health issues but still offer support and help.

I also regret the loss of Peter Turley next year and also Peter Willis - their help over the past year has been invaluable thanks TB

3.1-1 West Dorset Reprs. Report, D. Burstow (read by T. Butterworth)

Chesil MFC & other local clubs

Clubs in the local area have been quite active in recent months. In addition to the below, we have been represented at Examiner Workshops and AS Roadshows, and have had a joint club night presentation by Duncan and Peter Willis on the AS and a DRES update. The events shown are principally led by CFMC, but have involved Eagles, Weymouth and Blackdown clubs as well as other flyers from across the South West. We continue to engage with modelling and other events to promote the BMFA and model flying to the greater public

- **February and September – SW Model Show, The Tank Museum, Bovington**
The Museum were keen to have a wider modelling presence for the SWMS and some flying if possible, so following negotiations with the MoD we are now able to provide a flying display on the adjacent playing fields for 3 hours each on Saturday and Sunday. Flying was successful in February but defeated by the high winds in September. The aim is to support this show twice yearly now the format and permissions are in place. Show attendance in February was around 1800, with 184 spectators on the crowd line (not all at once). We also had a substantial static stand in a very good location which was kept very busy. The flight sim is very popular and we are hoping to expand this with a big screen and/or projector, at the request of the Museum, provided we can raise the funds. The intention was to operate this show as S Area BMFA, which we did in February, but despite a request we were not able to in September, as no kit (banners, goodies etc.) was forthcoming.
Currently we are flying small electrics but the Museum has requested a demo of larger IC FW and Heli models to see if this is acceptable.
- **June 8 – Corscombe Fete, July 20 – Bradford Abbas Fete, August 11 – South Perrott Fete, August 24 – Halstock Fete**
These are all local village events, at which there is space for a flying display adjacent, attendance at these has been successful for the last few years and is well appreciated by the organisers.
- **July 13/14 – Woodspring Wings**
Well known SW show supported with a static stand.
- **July 29 – Lyme Regis RNLI Week**
Night flying display over the sea – always popular.
- **July 27/28 – CFMC Fly-in**
Weekend fly-in, camping and BBQ open to all. More exciting than usual this year, due to a major barn fire overnight at the host farm (not caused by a LiPo!).
BBQ and night flying planned for October.

3.1-2 WCA Indoor Report

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers currently run 36 indoor flying events in the Southern Area. 30 of these are held at Wickham Community Centre, 10 indoor free-flight, 10 indoor R/C FPV and 10 indoor R/C small models. The remaining 6 take place at Havant Leisure Centre; this has a much larger main hall (8 badminton court size) which allows the flying of larger models.

Indoor flying has always been somewhat cyclical in its popularity. At present we are seeing a slight downturn in the attendance at our indoor R/C events, although the attendance at indoor F/F events appears to be holding up quite well compared to this time last year. Due to a comparative lack of support for our indoor R/C FPV events we have elected to move these events to a smaller room at Wickham. We do not use all the space in the main hall for this event, as we have an illuminated course set out for pilots to fly through. At present it is not clear whether we will cover the costs of hall hire for all 36 events – it's too close to call at this stage and depends on attendances at the remaining events.

Over the years we have managed to create a club atmosphere at these events. Although the majority of those attending are not WCA members, it appears that virtually everyone at these events (excepting new attendees) knows everybody else, and the result is a very friendly environment where fliers are happy to assist someone whose model may need "slight attention"!

Being a public face of aeromodelling, these events are a bit of an attraction for members of the public passing by. We always make occasional visitors welcome, and encourage those who do come into the hall to take a look to have a supervised try flying either a “Night Vapor” or a small quad. On FPV evenings we can let spectators, or Aeromodellers who haven’t yet tried FPV, have a look through a set of goggles to take in the different view of the world that FPV offers.

We are particularly keen as a club to encourage juniors into the hobby. The three junior members we currently have in WCA have all been introduced to aeromodelling at one of our indoor events – one has even shown quite a talent (at 10 years of age) for trimming indoor F/F models.

Whilst we regard all the indoor events we hold as “sport” events, we have been pleased (and not a little surprised) to have had three UK indoor F/F duration records set at Wickham. Simon Bargery and his son Henry are to be congratulated on these achievements.

As all our events are open to the public we welcome any new fliers who are able to come along and try indoor flying, or who wish to renew their indoor flying experience from earlier years – we’re always keen to encourage support for our events!

Alan Wallington

WCA Public Relations Officer

3.2 Vice Chairman’s report (David Smith) & Area Delegates report

I have attended all but one Full Council meeting and all Areas Council meetings since being appointed as Area Delegate, producing timely reports of the meetings to the Area Committee, and have attended all but one of the Area Committee meetings.

I also attended the BMFA AGM 2018.

I assisted on the BMFA stand for all three days at the London Model Engineer Exhibition in January, including the Thursday set-up and Sunday take down, and provided helicopter models for the static display.

I helped with the Southern Area displays at Wartime Wallop in May and at Medstead RC Model Show in August.

I also attended the Southern Area Gala day at Middle Wallop in July, helping to coordinate the helicopter flight line.

I have written several questions for the Balsa Brain quizzes in 2018 and 2019, and helped run the raffle.

I have worked with our Treasurer to produce a ‘ghost’ budget, and subsequently a full budget proposal, to inform the discussions on a revised Areas funding plan at October Areas Council.

I have continued to push for a response to our lack of feedback from the editorial team at BMFA News, which the Executive seem reluctant to address, and raised with the Club Support Officer the issue of significant errors in the Area club list that were supposed to have been solved with the live facility on the new membership portal.

3.3 Honorary Treasurer's report (Terry Weeks)

Treasurers report for the S A AGM to be held 13th November 2019.

First and foremost, I would like to advise you all that there is now no need to annually audit the accounts as all transactions are reported to the committee at every meeting and agreed at that time. Please refer to sheet 2 of the balance sheets provided tonight, it shows our current balance of **£3714.87** as at the 31st March 2019 this takes into account the income and expenditure during the year to March 2019, an increase over the previous year's total, but we must take into account we were holding £183.00 for the free flight gala.

The actual loss on the year was £124.58. These are the figures to be presented to the BMFA HO together with the AGM minutes as required to qualify for the 2020 grant.

The predicted cash amount at the end of this financial year (April 2019 to March 2020) of **£3656.45** shows a further decrease of **£58.42**. However, it is worth noting that this small reduction has only been made possible due to the committee not drawing expenses to attend meetings. This will change in the year 2020 to 2021 as we have been made aware that all other area committees claim expenses, so it is only fair that we do too. Looking forward a further year shows that our year on year deficit will be an additional loss of **£760.59**.

The area funding system is being reviewed so it is a good time to make this change.

Notes on the accounts:

1. The 2019 Balsa Brain event was budgeted to cost the Area around £385.00 but following the raffle and entrance receipts the actual cost was £123.00. A similar amount was allowed for to run the 2018 event, so the reduction in cost and increase in collections has helped the above position.
2. The usual subsidy to CADMAC for the use of the Trundle was repeated at a cost of £100.00.
3. Finally Roger Newman made a donation to the RAF benevolent fund following the free-flight event at Odiham this year of £200.00 and thanks have been received.
4. Sadly the Gala at Middle Wallop lost £176.00 due to a low attendance. If a similar event is to be run next year, the whole thing will have to be re-thought both in date, venue and content.

3.4 Honorary Secretary's report (Peter Turley)

Firstly I would like to thank the BMFA for moving into the 21st century at last with the introduction of GOMEMBERSHIP. This has meant that the Areas are treated as a club and we now get "Direct" all information sent to the Club Secretaries and for the first time the BMFA AGM Agenda this year! The membership data base has at last has a 24/7 list of the clubs in the area and in most cases an e-mail contact, rather than only give the Areas the lists of clubs in the area after being ratified at the Full Council meeting held in May.

Area Committee membership detail Area Return is redundant and can be edited on the BMFA web site are now available to edit by the areas, a great improvement.

I would like to thank David Smith our Area Delegate for his support and processing all of my concerns over the operation of the BMFA.

I have been told that the BMFA are to introduce a "New" Documentation data base, so that producing Documents, will now be produced as a web site document, so that all documents on line will have a correct contents page, page reference, page 1 will be the front cover not as a HARD copy, page one some 8 pages in the Doc.

Post last AGM, issued the Area Return form for Southern Area.

Attended all of the committee meetings and forwarded the BMFA HQ correspondence to the committee members, acted as interface as appropriate.

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In January, I went again with the Fareham Steam Railway Society, to the Model Engineers Exhibition and helped the on the BMFA stand after lunch on the Sunday and was asked by Manny Williamson to pack up all of the saleable goods, will be giving it a miss next year.

I have been supporting the small models indoor events run at Wickham each month, in addition to the Havant Indoor events over the winter, thanks to Alan for running the events.

Attended the Middle Wallop Gala and supported Peter Willis on the RC flight line.

I went to the Nationals for the 14th time in 15 years, supporting our Chairman in setting up and running the Nationals Camp Site. With new tent much more room sleeping 4 instead of 2, It was the best year that I have attended the Nationals for the weather.

As a Chichester Model Club member, I supported the Model Show at Tangmere Museum with a static display also at the opening of the New Goodwood Flying Club house, with a static show on the roof terrace of the club house in May, also the Army Families open day at Thorney in September, taking along a selection of models for a static display on each occasion.

Also supported the evenings when CADMAC invited Cadets to Thorney for buddy box flying.

I am standing down from the committee as SA Hon. Sec. and PRO.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their support over the 12 years on the committee.

I started supporting the Southern Area, thanks to the Palmer's through (PAM). Initially building Darts at the Yeovilton in the Autumn Model show of 2000 and then supporting the Static stand at the shows, while the rest of the committee were on the apron running a flying display.

3.5 Achievement scheme Co-ordinator's report (Peter Willis)

Name	Willing to Stand in 2020	Chief Examiners/Instructors Reports for 2019	BMFA No.	Exam No.	Disciplines
Peter Willis (Coord)	Not standing as will not be a BMFA Member in 2020	<p>Events Attended (Also heavily involved in organising and running these events)</p> <p>2 x AS Roadshows (Oswaldtwistle & Bristol) 2 x AS Fly-Ins at Buckminster Wartime Wallop Display Southern Gala Fly In (Middle Wallop) Ferndown Library Hobbies Day Ferndown Fete on the Field Display Wimborne MAC Flight fest Open Day Wimborne MAC EDF & Jet Day Wimborne MAC Scale Day.</p> <p>Other Activities</p> <p>Attended 2 x ASRC meetings Gave AS/DRES talk to Chesil Club Produced, edited & published 3 by BMFA AS guidance videos. Produced BMFA guidance document for obtaining permission to fly within FPZs. Lead ASRC review of Mandatory Questions in May due regulation changes. Facilitated 3 Club Examiner tests for S. Area clubs, one at Buckminster during AS Fly-In. Numerous letters/emails written plus meetings with 2 x MPs re DRES Regulations.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>However, have been unable to run planned AS</p>	072044	2304	FW

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		<p>Workshop for area due workload. Also unable to run S Area BMFA Scale Comp due workload. No Wimborne club A or B tests requested or conducted this year. I am not intending to renew my BMFA membership for next year but will be renewing LMA membership.</p>			
Ken Gale	Willing to stand	<p>Despite a few enquiries I've not conducted a single test in the last twelve months! This is the first time this has happened since I became a club examiner in 2003 and Helicopter ACE in 2004. With all that has been going on re 'drones' this last year I was thinking that there would be a deluge of requests for at least A cert testing for multi-rotors, but the only enquiry I had back in February I passed onto you to pass it onto Mr Bradbury. Since then the only other request I received was from a local FW club for me to be a second examiner at a club examiner test. That also came to naught! Hopefully, once things settle down a bit (Brexit, elections, CAA etc.) and the weather improving (next Spring) we may start to see a turnaround back to normality! I'm not holding my breath though.... I did attend an initial meeting of 'interested parties' at Popham back in October for a model air show that they are hoping to put on again in May next year. As HeliPad only have two B class flyers at present, I suspect that we'll only be putting on a static display, there doesn't seem to be much interest in display flying helis these days. I was thinking of coming to the SA AGM, but due to a VERY persistent cough that I've had now for 4 weeks, perhaps not. Please give my regards to everyone there on the committee.</p>	067821	1688	Heli MR
Tony Butterworth	Willing to Stand	<p>This year started with the request from at least 2 club flyers to take test however after making contact and sending notes with advice on preparation to each both have failed to follow up the initial enquiry. Follow up conversations indicate that they have not been able to find the time and are still interested but have yet to make any further progress. This year has ended however with an approach from at least 3 pilots (SAM35 members) who recognise that in the future taking an achievement scheme test will be of benefit , and they have shown a keen willingness to complete the A test asap.. I can see this latest requirement for national certification to be a real opportunity to not only introduce additional flyers to the scheme but to also break down some of the barriers that have held many pilot back from joining. From my personal experience I have heard to many times that individuals have been flying for so many years that there is no need for them to take a test , and they can fly at their own fields without problems so no</p>	068786	0087	FW SF

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		<p>advantage to become involved..</p> <p>Next year could be a challenge but is more importantly an opportunity to introduce and welcome new members into the scheme , important that we approach this correctly .</p> <p>After all I suspect that many of the pilots who will be applying will be doing so under duress. Lastly although have not completed any test (yet) I still use the title and knowledge when completing risk assessments - registrations and site layouts for several events that we have held in the Southern Area this year ..</p> <p>Willing to continue as an Area ACE fo 2020</p>			
Tony Warrilow	Willing to Stand	<p>I have to report another quiet year, as, during the period under review, I have not carried out any Examinations. However there has recently been a resurgence of interest in the F/W 'B' test at the Salisbury Club and I am now providing final training for 4 pilots in this discipline.</p> <p>I have not experienced any major operational problems and I feel that the system is working well</p> <p>I would like to confirm that I am willing to continue as an ACE/ACI next year if re-elected.</p>	084383	1434	FW
Matt Lodge	Willing to Stand	<p>Last year I did no testing unfortunately, so I have very little to add to a report.</p>	144947	2133	Heli,MR
Terry Weeks	Willing to Stand	<p>Tests Conducted</p> <p><i>Skylarks</i></p> <p>Silent Flight Electric A - 31st March 2019</p> <p>Silent Flight Thermal A - 31st March 2019</p> <p>Silent Flight Electric A - 31st March 2019</p> <p>Silent Flight Thermal A - 31st March 2019</p> <p><i>MVSA</i></p> <p>Multiple Silent Flight Slope A - 3rd Sept 2019 at Butser Hill from 10:00am until 4:30pm.</p> <p>Shows/Events Attended:</p> <p>London Model Engineering exhibition 4 days 17th-20th January, Wartime Wallop 27th May, S Area Gala 14th July, Odiham Families Day on the 25th July, Meadstead RC Model Show 3rd August and Spetisbury 7th September. See below regarding the Achievement Scheme talk I gave on the 12th July.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Now Being a member of the MVSA I was asked to give a talk on the Achievement scheme as the club wants to use the "A" certificate as the minimum requirement to fly solo, as above this took place on the 12th July and it was very well received. Longer term the club wants to extend this to members taking "B" tests and finally the appointment of a few club examiners. (The club's membership is well over 100)</p> <p>Now I hold a Fixed Wing "A" certificate I am</p>	034961	2063	SF

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		working on getting my Fixed Wing "B" to later on extend my ACE to cover fixed wing as well.			
Christopher Bradbury	Moved out of Area	No Report as left Area	165169		FW,Heli,MR,
Peter Carter	Willing to Stand	<p>Tests undertaken Skylarks Fixed Wing A – 26th Feb 2019 Fixed Wing A – 19th Mar 2019 Fixed Wing A – 19th Mar 2019 Popham Fixed Wing A – 23rd June 2019 Fixed Wing A – 15th Sept 2019 Fixed Wing A – 18th Sept 2019 Fixed Wing B – 18th Sept 2019 2 x A Test failures (lack of knowledge re questions) Events Attended Southern Area Gala (Middle Wallop) Southern Gala FF (Odiham) SAM 35 events (Middle Wallop) Free Flight event (Salisbury)</p>	082822	1451	FW
Richard Sharman	Willing to Stand	No Report Received - due illness	127622	2416	FW
Dave Burstow	Willing to Stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a previous AGM my Eagles club decided that from 2020 onwards members should have progressed to an A certificate in their discipline to be able to fly 'solo', ie unsupported. Without at least an A cert, they would need to be accompanied by a competent pilot. This, latterly, was given more of an incentive by the likelihood of AS certification being a proof of 'competence' under DRES, which has now apparently come to pass. Accordingly, during 2019, a series of training/examination days was set up, but these were poorly attended and only one actual A cert pass was achieved. 2020 may see a rush (I hope). I attended a Western Area Examiners Workshop in June, and took along a potential club examiner who found the day very enlightening. I wasn't able to make the Roadshow near Bristol. I attended a number of local flying events including both Tank Museum model shows, at which our presence continues to grow. (See the CFMC AGM note for a full list) I was allocated two CFMC candidates for examiner tests, one of which I carried out in July. Wayne Broom failed, but learnt a lot in the process and will give it another go. The other candidate – Tony Sparks - has not yet come forward with a date to proceed. I carried out three A/FW tests and one B/FW, all in July. Two of the A candidates 	084385	1318	FW

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		<p>passed, one A and the B failed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I anticipate there will be much more interest in the Achievement Scheme during 2020, not least from country members and MR fliers, especially those who don't like the on-line competence approach. • I am happy to carry on as an ACE in 2020, subject to ratification by the S Area Committee. 			
Peter Rondel	Willing to Stand	<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Jersey Model Aero Club is the only RC Model Aero Club in the island. • The club fly within controlled air space, have a good relationship with the DCA, and have been operating in the island since 1960. • The club membership is circa 58 members (10% increase on prior), a lower base to historic norms, however the regularly active portion is higher than historically at circa 60%. Perhaps not such an unusual statistic in times when subscription costs for an inactive membership is something that people will today think twice about. • The club is twinned with the Hague Model Air Club in Normandy, home club of record-breaking World F3A Champion Christophe Paysant Le Roux. • The club continues to enjoy the opportunity to fly at the site of the HMAc throughout the year and never miss their annual show in June. • The JMAC continued to hold its annual flying display in aid of RAFA, as the conclusion to the Battle of Britain week of fund raising activities in September. A popular and well attended event. Good post event PR this year. • Most disciplines are active: particularly F/W IC and EP, Heli IC and EP, and Turbine powered Jets. S/F less prevalent although some slope soaring around the island arises on clement days. Indoor flying remains popular during the winter months. M/R is generally quite limited at the club's main power site. • 2020 is the 60th Anniversary of the club, in addition to the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the island from German occupation (and VE Day), and of course 80th anniversary of the commencement of WW2. A significant year then for the club and the island; and thus a sweet spot upon which I hope to see the club capitalise as a push for unity and growth. <p>My 2019 report includes commentary to which certain of the above points provide context.</p> <p>Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor flying meetings are now held every week in response to demand, and enjoy club subsidy. Indoor flight training as a foundation has shown again this year to be an excellent winter time training process leading to a fast 	53968	1411	FW Heli

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		<p>tracking of pilots flying outdoors in spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK visiting pilots continuing to enjoy our facilities through summer. Certain local members have also flown in the UK; the impact of the DRES on “third country” affiliated clubs such as the JMAC on members ability to fly in the UK remains an open question. • There are currently no plans for the local DCA to introduce an equivalent of the UK DRES in the Channel Islands. • The committee has been debating the long standing protocol of registering models over a weight of 7kg for exemption under ANO Jersey Law (which it does by an arrangement on behalf of the DCA), out of a concern for a growing number of models closer to the 20kg limit. This remains under discussion, with a focus on extent of the legal responsibility for compliance and where the onus rests. • Notwithstanding that general flying activity is buoyant, the committee and the club have been coping with some challenges around member co-operation and collaboration, with disparate opinions on the rights and wrongs of certain activities. The general perception is however that in certain areas standards and consistency has been slipping. • Club competitions have struggled to garner much support in the most part, with only the core regulars tending to have a go. This in my view is partly connected with the development of separate groups with differing views on what safe/compliant operation should look like and as much as anything, how help, advice, and assistance should be delivered; and received! • For the first time, the club has been required to provide a Risk Assessment report for club operations to the local authorities. A comprehensive and well-balanced report has been produced and issued. No feedback received as yet. • Data Protection legislation (Jersey has its own law – based on UK GDPR but not identical) compliance is being revisited by the committee in terms of achieving a balance between legal compliance, enhanced membership connectivity, and administrative burden. • There has been little in the way of membership engagement with the BMFA Achievement Scheme in 2019. I was the only examiner to carry out a test; a well performed A test for a new member. That does not however accurately reflect the group of potential candidates; reasons for their – so far – lack of follow through to step forward and participate in the AS being varied. • In the new year, I will be carrying out a new examiner test to enlist a long respected member of the club to replace one of the examiners that stood down at the outset of 2019. 			
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		<p>• I predict an increase in volume and diversity of activity in 2020 for the various milestone related remarks above. There is also signs of a number of new entrants to the world of Turbine flying which could move the current number of 5 toward 7 or 8 in 2020. Turbine operations are tightly controlled within the JMAC with a dedicated locally developed knowledge and competency test, requiring annual re-certification; an approach I endorse.</p> <p>• As is evident from commentary on social media from UK clubs, the BMFA “A” certificate is getting much press, particularly arising from the DRES. Notwithstanding the above comments regarding the position of the DCA in the CI, I have sought to capitalise on this messaging across the UK and make a fresh attempt to address some of the above mentioned issues within the JMAC around knowledge, flight competency, and improved, consistent standards. The foundation of this is to give the “A” certificate more value. A copy of an extract from a recent presentation delivered to members at a club meeting is attached for information and represents part of this report. This was well attended and well debated. I’m optimistic that, when combined with the above-mentioned opportunity to reignite club unity and activity next year that we will succeed in moving the bar and in so doing improve all areas of performance. Key to this will be improved collaboration amongst BMFA examiners and club instructors. I will be chairing a committee of examiners in the new year to ensure that a more consistent, supportive, and facilitative approach is adopted in 2020. Our aim is to incentivise members to take their “A” and as such acquire and, as importantly, evidence competency in a recognisable way.</p> <p>In a nutshell, a degree of harmony amongst certain members has been lost in recent times, and with the significant milestones of 2020 as leverage I am driving a push for improved education, collaboration, and co-operation, toward being what Jersey has always demonstrated so well – a team that punches above its weight.</p> <p>With only 1 year under my belt, I think that my 2020 report has every chance of painting a more upbeat picture and I am happy to continue as ACE.</p>			
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3.6 PRO’s report (Peter Turley)

I have supported the Area where possible, thanks to D. Smith for sending out circulars to the clubs in the area.

I wish to stand down from this position.

3.7 Web Masters report (Peter Robinson)

None available

3.8 Area Delegate's report (David Smith)

See Para. 3.2

3.10 Radio Control Silent Flight Competition Secretary's report, (Terry Weeks)

Silent Flight & S A Committee Member Reports.

All 4 of the planned S Area Esoaring competitions went ahead, hosted as usual by the Alton Silent Flyers at East Worldham, and these events continue to be reasonably supported. The series winner was Mike Raybone (14982) with Chris Foss (14973) in 2nd place and Terry Stuckey (14814) in 3rd.

I attended the LMEE exhibition from the 17th to the 20th January inclusive at the Alexander Palace.

I attended the "Wartime Wallop" event at Middle Wallop on the 27th May to assist in the provision of a both a static and flying display. The 2020 event has yet to be arranged due to the changes made in the access to Middle Wallop.

I assisted in the running of the S Area Gala on the 14th July and took control of the gliding flight-line together with all of the necessary pre-event organisation.

I attended the Odiham Families day this year with Peter Carter and several other invited modellers on Thursday 25th July to put on a static display, very impressive it was too with some 44 quality models on display, this was appreciated by the station commander who visited the stand. (*See the report on the new website.*)

I attended Meadstead model show run by the Modellbau UK model shop with Dave Smith and Ken Gale and good it was too, a two-day event although I only attended on the Saturday due another commitment on the Sunday. Next year it is to be run on the 18th & 19th July so I will keep my diary clear.

I joined Peter Willis at the Dorset Area Swapmeet at Spetisbury on the 7th September to man the BMFA stand, this was well received and again has the potential to expand in future years.

Finally, I attended the 2019 Balsa Brain event; for the second year acting as Quiz Master having prepared the power-point presentation.

Alton Silent Flyers, Skylarks and MVSA Club-delegate reports.

Both the Skylarks and MVSA have decided to enforce a minimum "A" certificate requirement to fly solo at their sites. To this end I have taken 4 "A" certificates at the Skylarks site and 12 "A" certificates at Butser Hill for the MVSA, a commendable decision by both clubs. The Alton Silent Flyers continue to thrive; their AGM is planned for the 19th November. Already they are planning to run 4 Southern Area Esoaring competitions in 2020, the dates being 24th May; 7th June; 26th July and the 6th September.

All in all a very busy year and one I am happy to repeat next year if required.

Future Events confirmed.

1. Wartime Wallop is to go ahead unchanged in 2020. We will be involved as last year to provide both a static and flying display – Good news indeed.
2. 31st May is the day set for the Southern Area Free-Flight Gala at Odiham.

3.11 Radio Control Competition Fixed Wing Secretary's report. (Peter Willis)

See Para. 3.5

3.12 Education Coordinator (vacant) no report

3.13 Free Flight Comp Sec. (Roger Newman) read by T. Butterworth

This year organised competition & sport flying has taken place at Beaulieu, Area 8 of Salisbury Plain, RAF Odiham & Middle Wallop, with occasional forays on Chobham Common for trimming purposes.

Seven area meetings have been held at Beaulieu & Area 8, with one cancellation due to bad weather & other meetings during the year disrupted by adverse conditions. Flying was resumed at Middle Wallop but with two of the three approved dates abandoned due to appalling weather. Fortunately alternative dates were granted but one of those has already been subject to yet more bad weather. The other is still to be held. This will be the last meeting at this venue, as permission has been given to the Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club to use the airfield every weekend from Jan 2020, with no modelling activities permitted. RAF Odiham hosted a successful rally earlier in the year, attended by some 30 fliers in decent conditions.

Sports' flying continues at Beaulieu & Area 8, albeit with ever diminishing participants.

It is hard to predict to what effect the impending drone legislation will impact free flight, suffice to say that it will not be for the better.

The Southern Area Committee is thanked for its on-going support to the remaining free flight devotees within the Area.

4.0 Election of the S. Area Committee Members for 2015/2016.

Note – strategy moving forward - The Southern area Committee is always looking to encourage new members and or welcome support from Model flyers in the area.

To this end we should tailor tasks appropriately to encourage pilots to join us and become part of the team regardless of how much support they can offer, today we have to be flexible in this respect.

4.1 The position already vacant is - Education Co-ordinator.

4.2 The following wish to standing down from the committee this year:

Peter Turley is to stand down as Hon. Sec and PRO

Peter Willis is standing down as PAS co-ordinator and RC Comp. Sec.

Stuart Simpson is also standing down as South Hampshire Operations Support

Please note that the remaining committee incumbents are all willing to step down if a suitable alternative candidate is nominated and voted in place at the AGM.

Our Chairman thanked for his support and services on the Southern Area Committee.

Minutes of BMFA SA AGM Meeting held on 13th November 2019

Name	Position	Club	Proposed	Seconded
Tony Butterworth	Chairman	WCA	D. Smith	T. Weeks
D. Smith	Vice Chairman	Heli Pad	T. Butterworth	P. Turley
TBA	Hon. Secretary			
Terry Weeks	Hon. Treasurer	ASF & Skylarks Delegate	T. Butterworth	K. Knox
TBA	PAS co-ordinator			
TBA	PRO			
David Smith	Area Delegate	Heli Pad	T. Weeks	P. Turley
TBA	RC Comp Sec (Fixed Wing)			
Terry Weeks	RC Comp Sec (Silent Flight)	Aldershot	T. Butterworth	D. Smith
Roger Newman	Free Flight Comp. Sec.	Bournemouth MAC	T. Butterworth	P. Turley
Richard Sharman	West Hampshire Operations Support	Beauileu Chairman		

Area Return for 2020 is now on line and will be updated.

Post meeting Action P. Turley

5.0 Ratification of Southern Area Chief Examiners for 2019/2020: -

Their acceptance to be ACE's was unopposed by those present.

Those up for re-ratification are:

(Block Acceptance by Committee)

Terry Weeks SF	Ken Gale Heli	Matt Lodge Heli	Tony Butterworth FW & SF
Tony Warrilow FW	Peter Carter FW	Richard Sharman FW	
Peter Rondell FW	David Burstow FW		

Proposed T. Butterworth

Seconded D. Smith

6.0 AOB

Photo of the meeting attendees.



7.0 The next meetings

7.1 Date and time of the next Southern Area AGM: -

Wednesday 11th November 2020 at the:-

. Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time 19.30 hrs

7.2 Date and time of the next Southern Area Committee meeting: -

Wednesday 29th January 2020 at the:-

. Venue: - **The Ship Inn**

41 Old Redbridge Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 0NN

Start Time 19.30 hrs

There being no other business, the meeting closed at hrs. 10.45 pm

Peter Turley Hon. Sec. (Retiring at this AGM).

Meeting Attendance

Attendees	Position/Visitor	Club
P. TURLEY	HON SEC / P/O	CADMAC
DAVID SMITH	Via Chair / Area delegate	Helipad & REF
TERRY WEEKS	TREASURER / S FLIGHT	{ SKYLARKS AFTON SILVER FLYERS MVSA
TONY BUTTERWORTH	CHAIRMAN	W C AERODROMEERS
ALAN WALLINGTON	VISITOR	WCA
KEN KNOX	VISITOR	CADMAC / BORDAIR
Simon COOD	Visitor	BRACKNELL
DAVID NEWBY	VISITOR	NAD, M, A, S:
Richard SHARMAN	Committee Member	BMAC (Beaulieu Hotel Flying committee)
PETER WILLIS	AS COORD / FW/OMP	Wimborne MAC